

**Staff Jurisdiction Analysis Summary
Mariposa County Unincorporated
2012-13 CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Cycle**

Based upon review of diversion program implementation, LAMD staff recommends Mariposa (County) as making a good faith effort (GFE) to meet the requirements of AB 939.

The County has been working to overcome diversion challenges related to its transient tourist population at Yosemite National Park and quality control issues at the organics facility. The County is implementing its SRRE and HHWE programs despite limitations including: long distances to transport materials from outlying areas, smaller waste quantities affecting economies of scale, and a low population density. Diversion and recycled content procurement programs have been observed to be effective as summarized below:

- **Residential:** During this review, program improvements have been made including: revising the drop off center traffic routing so that residents can first recycle metals, cardboard, CRV and white goods before driving to the gate house for disposal of garbage. This has also resulted in an improvement to the quality of materials that are taken from the waste stream for composting. Clear signage for the hazardous waste drop-off point was also posted. At the point where disposal takes place, workers manually separate recyclable materials. The remaining material is ground up and put into the compost anaerobic digester cell. The County has tried to reduce contamination of this material over the last two years but still doesn't have a market for it, so it's used as ADC at the landfill.
- **Commercial:** Yosemite, the largest generator, has an organics recycling program which provides a clean stream of organics to the County's MSW Composting facility. The Park also has a comprehensive recycling program. There is a vast number of recycling and composting bins for the public and staff housing units. Bins are well labeled for glass/ aluminum/ plastics paired with trash receptacles at every campground, restaurant and attraction in the Park. Additionally, the Tenaya Lodge, outside the Park but also run by concessionaire DNC, was added to the food collection program, serving an additional 5 restaurants. As of 2013, food waste is collected behind all restaurants and other large businesses such as hotels. The County has had a robust education program, including presentations to business groups, website information and print materials.
- **MCR:** County staff has focused on getting MCR implemented through direct outreach and education. MCR outreach has been thorough although multifamily challenges remain. Solutions are hard to provide due to space limitations as a 3-yard container is the only size available for recycling through the hauler. Businesses are provided an economic incentive to recycle as there is no additional fee for recycling service. Educational outreach includes printed materials distributed to businesses, an electronic guidance document and website information. There is also direct contact with downtown merchants and communication made through the Chamber of Commerce. The County has met with individual businesses and provided contact information should participants have any challenges or questions about the MCR program.

- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris:** C&D is separated at the landfill. Materials are stockpiled and then used as road base or for shoring up the slopes of the landfill. The Department of Public Works continues to recycle ground-up asphalt on its road maintenance projects. Some wood waste is processed as ADC. The Building Department requires waste management plans and diversion estimates for permits that meet CALGreen requirements. Educational information is posted on the County's website and a flyer is provided to project applicants.
- **Government:** The Solid Waste Department provides adequate educational outreach, e.g., a flyer on how to recycle is given to each Department head. Desk-side recycling containers are provided, as well as recycling containers are located next to central trash containers throughout the County Offices. The Library and Public Works buildings have reusable silverware and cups in the lunch room. The County collects all greenwaste for composting. The County purchases recycled content products when economically feasible. Also the County practices grasscycling, chipping and mulching, duplex printing and surplus equipment is donated or sold.